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FOR SSM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: INTRUSION REPORT FOLLOWUP

REF: SFM 1034

1. AT 1236 LOCAL TIME 13 MAY 1978 MITLA EAST AND GIDDI EAST WATCH STATIONS OBSERVED AN AIRCRAFT FLYING AT APPROXIMATELY 45,000 FEET ON A NORTH TO SOUTH COURSE ALONG THE BUFFER ZONE MEDIAN LINE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS ALSO OBSERVED BY SFM BASE AND MITLA WEST WATCH STATION. SEISMIC SENSORS IN THE GIDDI WEST AND MITLA WEST FIELDS WERE ACTIVATED DURING THIS FIRST PASS OF THE AIRCRAFT. THIS FLIGHT WAS ASSUMED TO BE THE ONE SCHEDULED IDF RECCE FLIGHT FOR 13 MAY.

2. AT 1244 THE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED THE BUFFER ZONE TO THE SOUTH. BY 1248 ALL WATCH STATIONS OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT RETURN ON A SOUTH TO NORTH COURSE. ON THE BASIS OF COORDINATED AZIMUTH READINGS FROM ALL WATCH STATIONS AND SFM BASE, THE AIRCRAFT'S SECOND PASS WAS PLOTTED TO HAVE RUN JUST EAST OF THE BUFFER ZONE MEDIAN LINE. THE AIRCRAFT EXITED THE BUFFER ZONE A SECOND TIME, TURNED TO THE EAST AND RETURNED ON A NORTH TO SOUTH COURSE TO MAKE A THIRD PASS ALONG THE BUFFER ZONE MEDIAN LINE. ON THIS FINAL PASS THE AIRCRAFT WAS VISUALLY
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IDENTIFIED BY SFM BASE AND MITLA EAST WATCH STATION AS AN IDF PHANTOM F-4. AT 1312 THE AIRCRAFT EXITED THE BUFFER ZONE ON A SOUTH-EASTERLY COURSE AT 1:100,000 (DMATC) COORDINATES 8065/8055. AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SIGHTED BY WATCH STATIONS AT 1313 OVER ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

3. SFM SENSORS WERE NOT ACTIVATED DURING EITHER THE AIRCRAFT'S

SECOND OR THIRD BUFFER ZONE PASSES.

4. AS ONLY ONE IDF RECCE FLIGHT WAS SCHEDULED OVER BUFFER
ZONE FOR MAY 13, THE SECOND AND THIRD PASSES WERE INTRUSIONS.
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